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7?: VISIT OF GRUNK "FOREIGN MINISTER" TO SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 342 (NOTAL)

1. BEFORE COMPLETING HIS VISIT TO SYRIA ON JAN 31, GRUNK FONMIN GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED JOINT SYRIAN-CAMBODIAN STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM. HE SAID THAT GOAL BEHIND HIS VISIT TO SYRIA HAD BEEN TO BRIEF SARG ON CURRENT SITUATION. HE SAID GRUNK HAS TURNED DOWN UN NEGOTIATION PROPOSAL "BECAUSE IT WAS AMERICAN INSPIRED AND WAS ALSO IMPRACTICAL AND UNAPPLICABLE", AND ADDED THAT REJECTION OF PROPOSAL WAS ALSO BASED ON FACT THAT GRUNK WAS ON VERGE OF TOTAL VICTORY IN CAMBODIA AND DID NOT NEED TO NEGOTIATE. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR SYRIA'S UNRESERVED SUPPORT.

2. DURING DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF ASIAN AFFAIRS DRAY'I, FEB 4, EMBOFF ASKED HIM TO COMMENT ON OBJECTIVES AND RESULTS OF GRUNK DELEGATION'S VISIT. HE REPLIED CAUTIOUSLY

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THAT VISIT WAS FOLLOW-UP TO SIMILAR VISIT IN JUNE '74

WITH AIM OF KEEPING SARG ABREAST OF CAMBODIAN DEVELOPMENTS AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD GROUP WOULD ALSO VISIT ALGIERS. LATER, HE SAID THAT GRUNK WAS DISAPPOINTED AT ITS LACK OF SUCCESS IN ATTRACTING SUPPORT OF MODERATE ARAB STATES.

3. COMMENT: SEEMS PLAUSIBLE THAT GRUNK LEADERS MAY HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL SYRIAN BACKING FOR THEIR EFFORTS WITH OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS. ALTHOUGH GRUNK HAS NO PERMANENT MISSION IN DAMASCUS, SARG CONSIDERS IT A TRUE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AND ACCORDS IT UNHESITATING SUPPORT. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER LATEST VISIT HAD ANY CONCRETE RESULTS.  
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